

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 24 of page 22 and extending to line 21 of page 23 with the following amended paragraph:

Test method: 3 BALB/C mice at 12 days of pregnancy purchased from JAPAN SLC were allowed to naturally bear in a stainless cage with a clean cap. In 24 hours after bearing, infants were divided into two groups for each parent, and combined so that each group equally contains infants from respective parents. Two parents each were made to feed a total of 8 infants. The test solution used in this experiment was as follows. 0.5% fructooligosaccharide-0.2 M-sucrose aqueous solution was used as a test solution. The test solution was introduced into the feeding bottle for mouse of the present invention using a disposable injector with a sterilized tapered tip, and kept warm for 4 minutes in an incubator at 50°C. The mouse infants were separated from the parent at 1 day and 2 days, and kept warm for 2 hours in a plastic cage floating in a water bath at 43°C. When a mouse infant drank [~~0.7 mm~~] 0.7 cm by calibrations on the feeding bottle for mouse (about 50 μ L) of test solution from an artificial nipple of small size for mouse of the present invention, the nipple was immediately removed from the mouth. Then the same amount of 0.2M-sucrose aqueous solution was made to drink. This allowed accurate determination of the drinking amount of the test solution. The control group was made to drink 0.2M-sucrose aqueous solution in the same manner. After administration of the test solution, the mouse infants were immediately returned to the cage of its mother (feeding mother).